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FEMALE MEDICAL STUDENTS.

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Cheer! Brave-Hearted and Facing Life—Work w th
at Earrest Resolution to Succeed—
Now they Live—Elo

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A notable event of the year 1916 was the appearance at a course of medical lectures of a young woman student named Blackwell. "She is a pretty fair specimen of the feminine gender," commented the Boston *Harvard Journal*, "reporting her age as 35." She comes into the class with great composure takes off her bonnet and puts it under the seat, exposing a fine phrenology. The effect on the class has been good and great decorum is observed while she is present.

The young woman student, whom the spright B. Young *Doc* advised to confine her practice when admitted to "chaseses of the heart," became Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the earliest woman physician of this country. For many years now she has resided in England, but her sister Dr. Emily Blackwell, who shared with it the struggles of those pioneer days, is the present dean of the Woman's Medical col-

age of the New York Infirmary, which was founded by the efforts of the benevolent women of this city. Her ladyship's office once sitting last week Dr. Huxwell said: "The women who are studying medicine in New York are far from a younger body than those who came to us a dozen or fifteen years ago. They are as old as the hills, and the continuance of women in the profession. We used to get women of mature age widows, whose hopes in life had dropped away from them, and who were left to be nursed by the hospital teachers who taught another profession promised better. Now we are getting girls in their early twenties, who are full of enthusiasm, more ready to discuss and better training."

MUCH LIKE OTHER CITIES.

The medical students of the sex feminine in New York city form a class by themselves—not a huge one, but like a small stream in the great ocean of the metropolis, and are lost, but if one happens to run across them, their individuality marks them out at once as a busy, cheerful set, hard at work but usually ready for a frolic, and with a keen sense of the value of time, but holding their work foremost and keeping one object in the uppermost mind. They are range from 22 to 40 or 42. It is very rare to find one under 20, and under 25, and not one in fifty need confess to more than 30 years. They believe it is a good thing for a woman to have her hair cut short, and they choose their dresses they believe in and they devote themselves to it right heartily.

THEIR

gathered from every nook and corner of the country. (California and Nebraska send ruddy Western girls, Mississippi and Tennessee contribute a pair of dark-skinned beauties.) Emerald Isle sends over an Irish girl, and (this has an almost-spyed-out effect) a girl from the Emerald Isle, a college of course, responsible for the largest number. Vassar, Smith, Wellesley and Cornell contribute a pair each. The girls are all new to active militancy to live on their own, when school days were done. The academicians and instructors (Thurman and the others) were from Brooklyn, Brooklyn, Irish students not a few, and yet others come from the high schools of the cities and country towns.

THEIR MINDS OF LIFE

How do the girls of the college? The girl students are rife with an overplus of money; some of them are decidedly pinched for their lack. Two of them showed me their modest housekeeping arrangements the other day. They have a "furnished room," not a large room, and a third small room, and a kitchenette. The kitchenette might have had better taste in wall paper and carpets but a good picture of two, a comfortable litter of books and papers, two chairs, a table, a small refrigerator, a small kitchenette that a woman surrounds herself with everywhere gave the place a homelike atmosphere. The girl who was in charge was a little game store. That store was responsible to the college in the morning, tea or chocolate and a hot bath. The girl who was in charge supplied the rest of the breakfast and

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THEY are not, and this is creditably high. In fact, the MEN and WOMEN MARRY WITH PURPOSE. They intend to live together in a life of purpose, and they certainly do. It rarely happens that one of them at first winks with one begun. This does not mean that they all relinquish marriage, for here in this is the blessed instruction of the physician and of other sex. They who marry, in the usual way of cause, marry doctors and go to work with them. Sometimes, indeed, they marry before they are married before beginning. In one of the cases, the physician of the growing cordality of the woman's reception in the profession that physicians' daughters are an unapproachable portion of the medical students. Sometimes husband and wife are students together, he in one school, she in another, and in some cases the married physician studies a better than the woman who continues her work than the woman who engages in almost any other profession save that of literature.

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